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CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY
IN AFRICA
Second session
13-24 September 1993
Agenda item 6

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS SECOND SESSION

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Nikita F. Gladovsky (Russian Federation)

I. INTRODUCTION

Opening and duration of the session

1. The second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, was held in Geneva from 13 to 24 September 1993. The session was convened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 entitled "Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa". At its second session, the Committee held ___ meetings (1st to __).

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Election of officers

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 September, the Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Nikita F. Glazovsky (Russian Federation) as Rapporteur of the Commmittee to replace Mr. Sergei N. Morozov (Russian Federation), who was unable to continue his functions on the Bureau.

3. At the same meeting, the Committee also elected by acclamation Ms. Anne De Lattre (France) as Chairman of Working Group II to replace Mr. Jacques Alliot (France), who was unable to continue his functions on the Bureau.

4. At the 3rd meeting, on 20 September 1993, the Committee elected by acclamation Mr. A. Ovchinnikov (Uzbekistan) as Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur of Working Group I.

5. The Bureau of the Committee and its Working Groups, as elected at its organizational, first and second sessions, was thus as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Bo Kjellén (Sweden)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. René Valéry Mongbe (Benin)
Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan (India)
Mr. José Urrutia (Peru)

Rapporteur: Mr. Nikita F. Gladovsky (Russian Federation)

Working Group I

Chairman: Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf (Algeria)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Erwin Ortíz Gandarillas (Bolivia)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. A. Ovchinnikov (Uzbekistan)

Working Group II

Chairman: Ms. Anne De Lattre (France)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Morad-Ali Ardeshiri (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Frederick E. G. Mallya (United Republic of Tanzania)

B. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 1st meeting, on 13 September 1993, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. Election of officers

3. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

4. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

   (a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly the least developed countries

   (b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process

5. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the third session

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its second session.

C. Attendance

7. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

(to be included)

8. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

(to be included)

9. The following specialized agencies were represented:

(to be included)

10. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

(to be included)

11. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

(to be included)

D. Documentation

12. The documents before the Committee at its second session are listed in Appendix __ to the present report (to be included).

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Mandates for the Working Groups

13. At its 2nd meeting, on 14 September, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Mandates for the Working Groups", which had been transmitted to its second session for consideration by Committee decision 1/3. In presenting the draft resolution to the Committee, the Chairman proposed that the word "definitions" be included in operative paragraph 1 (b) thereof.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see appendix , decision 2/1 (to be included)).

15. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Brazil made a statement.

B. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

16. At its 1st and 3rd meetings, on 13 and 20 September, the Committee, bearing in mind paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 and rule 49 of the rules of procedure of the Committee (A/AC.241/3), decided to approve the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations listed in documents A/AC.241/9/Add.2 and Add.3 (see appendix__, decision 2/2 (to be included)).

C. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Committee

17. At the 3rd meeting, on 20 September, the Committee, bearing in mind the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/188 on the participation of observers in the work of the Committee in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, decided to accord observer status in its work to the intergovernmental organizations listed in document A/AC.241/L.5/Add.1* and 2. (see appendix __, decision 2/3 (to be included)).

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* The Southern African Regional Commission for the Conservation and Utilisation of the Soil (SARCCUS), an intergovernmental organization, appears in the list of non-governmental organizations that had requested accreditation at the last session of the Committee, and should be deleted from that list, which appears in Appendix II, decision 1/1, of the report of the Committee on its first session (A/48/226).